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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 2
Paints, Solvents, Supplies and Equipment for Various Departments

Reference: Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.: S21-S24044

To All Prospective Bidders:

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reason:

- To revise the above referenced solicitation as follows:

In Section A, page 3 of 20 replace with attached page 3 of 20 marked revised November 9, 2011. Hire Houston First Application and Affidavit has **changed**.

This Letter of Clarification will be considered part of the solicitation referenced above.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Bidder to obtain any previous Letter(s) of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

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SECTION A. OFFICIAL BID FORM FOR PAINTS, SOLVENTS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, CONTINUED:

SPECIAL BIDDERS NOTE:

These bid documents are to be bid exactly as published or amended by any letter(s) of clarification that may be issued pertaining thereto.

LINE ITEM BIDS:

Only one item may be bid for each referenced line item. To bid the referenced line item and an alternate, bidder must submit a separate bid form for each alternate item(s) with its own original signature page. Multiple bids for the same line item on one bid form will be just cause to reject a bid from further consideration.

HIRE HOUSTON FIRST:

THIS PROCUREMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE HIRE HOUSTON FIRST PROGRAM, WHICH GIVES A PREFERENCE TO CERTAIN LOCAL BIDDERS IN AWARD OF THE PROCUREMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/hirehoustonfirst.html>

Designation as a City Business or Local Business

To be designated as a City or Local Business for the purposes of the Hire Houston First Program, as set out in Article XI of Chapter 15 of the Houston City Code, a bidder or proposer must submit the **Hire Houston First Application and Affidavit ("HHF Affidavit")** to the Director of the Mayor's Office of Business Opportunities and receive notice that the submission has been approved prior to award of a contract. Bidders are encouraged to secure a designation prior to submission of a bid or proposal if at all possible.

Download the HHF Affidavit from the Office of Business Opportunities Webpage at the City of Houston e-Government Website at the following location:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/onestop/hirehoustonfirstaffidavit.pdf>

Submit the completed application as directed on the form, or submit a signed original affidavit with your bid.

Award of a Procurement of \$100,000 or More for Purchase of Goods:

THE CITY WILL AWARD THIS PROCUREMENT TO A "CITY BUSINESS," AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-176 OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES ("THE CODE")

- IF THE BID OF THE CITY BUSINESS IS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID OR IS WITHIN 3% OF THE LOWEST BID RECEIVED, AND
- UNLESS THE USER DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT SUCH AN AWARD WOULD UNDULY INTERFERE WITH CONTRACT NEEDS, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-181 OF THE CODE.

IF THERE IS NO BID OF A CITY BUSINESS THAT MEETS THESE CRITERIA, THE CITY WILL AWARD THE PROCUREMENT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

Award of Procurement under \$100,000 for Purchase of Goods:

THE CITY WILL AWARD THIS PROCUREMENT TO A "CITY BUSINESS," AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-176 OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES ("THE CODE")

- IF THE BID OF THE CITY BUSINESS IS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID OR IS WITHIN 5% OF THE LOWEST BID RECEIVED, AND
- UNLESS THE USER DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT SUCH AN AWARD WOULD UNDULY INTERFERE WITH CONTRACT NEEDS, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-181 OF THE CODE.

IF THERE IS NO BID OF A CITY BUSINESS THAT MEETS THESE CRITERIA, THE CITY WILL AWARD THE PROCUREMENT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER